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1. 1976 DEFENSE BUDGET SHARE OF GNP RANGED FROM 7.3
IN REF A, 6.3 IN REF B, TO 6.1 IN REF C.

2. ASSUMING THESE FIGURES BASED ON CONSISTENT DATA
ARE THERE EXPLANATIONS FOR THIS DECLINE OTHER THAN THE
RAPID GROWTH IN ROK GNP WITHOUT OFFSETTING INCREASES
IN DEFENSE SPENDING? WHAT, IF ANYTHING, SHOULD WE DO TO
ENCOURAGE AN INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF GNP ALLOCATED TO
DEFENSE IN VIEW OF ROK'S DRAMATIC ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN
1976 AND RISING FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES? ROBINSON

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